

THE CASES OF DEAD BODIES ON THE STEPPES OF RUSSIA

Of Men, Women and Children Who Fell Exhausted in Their Quest For Bread—When the Snow Melts Hundreds of Thousands Will Be Revealed—Millions Are Still Wandering in Search of Food—Along the Railroads Bodies Are Piled in Frozen Heaps—Freezing Refugees Remove All Garments From the Dead.

Ufa, Volga Region, Russia, Feb. 5. (By The A. P.)—When the snow melts next spring the Russian steppes will be strewn with skeletons. They will resemble the high piles of the American cow country in the days when big cattle outfits had insufficient hay to carry their stock through a hard winter.

But among the skeletons of cattle and camels there will be the bones of hundreds of thousands of men, women and children who fell exhausted in their quest for bread. They will resemble the high piles of the American cow country in the days when big cattle outfits had insufficient hay to carry their stock through a hard winter.

The peasants knew nothing of modern ways. They were unable to buy tickets on the railways, unable to get permits to cross the border, and they were left to starve. When their animals dropped dead the families walked on, always hoping that food lay over the next hill.

But the country districts have no grain, and if peasant families have a small supply they conceal it in the effort to prolong their own lives until another crop is harvested. In the larger towns there is food for sale at fabulous prices, but the starving refugees have neither money nor

arms conference ends today with signing of treaties. The Washington conference on armaments and far eastern problems will close today with the signing of a preliminary agreement. The conference was opened by President Harding.

Despite the small amount of work left to do, however, tomorrow's session may bring several treaties, and it is expected that the conference will be closed by the end of the week.

Patrons escaped from burning picture theatre. New York, Feb. 5.—An explosion followed by fire, spread panic among 300 patrons of the Lyric motion picture theatre on West Twenty-third street this afternoon, but all got out safely.

Cottages plundered at Somerville, N. J. Somerville, N. J., Feb. 5.—Somerville burglars, operating with jimmy and plunger, looted the South Somerville houses of Charles A. (Norman) and Fredericka (Gale) New York brokers some time during the night, carrying off silverware, jewelry and other household effects valued at several thousand dollars.

Motion picture house burned at East Hampton. East Hampton, Mass., Feb. 5.—The Majestic theatre, a motion picture house, was burned early today, causing a loss estimated at \$40,000. The building was owned by Frank H. Davis, of Norwich.

Business in Berlin Paralyzed by Strike

City is Without Tramway Service, Gas, Water and Electricity.

Berlin, Feb. 5.—(By The A. P.)—Tramway service and the gas, water and electricity supply in Berlin were completely paralyzed when the municipal employees struck this morning. Even hospitals are without water and light.

The strike of railroad men has extended to all of Baden, where the workers went out last night. Nothing has come of the negotiations begun yesterday for settling the railway strike, which now has been in progress since Wednesday night.

Woman's silk night dress figures in tailor murder. Los Angeles, Calif., Feb. 5.—Search for a drug peddler, upon whose trail the police are, has been hampered by a woman's silk night dress, which was found in the apartment of William Desmond Taylor, slain film director.

Decrease in unemployment in U. S. during January. Washington, Feb. 5.—Unemployment decreased sharply in the United States during January, the department of labor reported today, and in out of 45 cities the average was 12.3 per cent.

Irish raincoats pledge allegiance to republic. Dublin, Feb. 5.—(By The A. P.)—Six hundred delegates, most of them young, representing women's Sinn Féin organizations, met today to pledge their allegiance to the republic in a resolution today.

Butler of William D. Taylor. Los Angeles, Feb. 5.—The search for Edward F. Sanders, missing butler of William D. Taylor, motion picture director, who was mysteriously murdered last Wednesday night, continued to be the most important element of the investigation.

Removal of plate glass window to rob drug store. Oakville, Conn., Feb. 5.—Burglars removed the plate glass from a window in the Oakville Drug company store here some time during the night and carried away cash and supplies valued at \$400. The glass was found leaning against the store door undamaged this morning.

Incendiary fire does \$25,000 damage in Bantam. Bantam, Conn., Feb. 5.—Fire believed to have been of incendiary origin totally destroyed the warehouse of the Trumbull Vanderpool Electric Mfg. Co., a two-story block owned and occupied by M. A. Brunetto, and the dwelling house of George Morris, here tonight.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS

The British oil tanker *Surreance* is heading for Halifax with ruddersless Swedish steamer *Thyra* in tow.

Sixty cases of scarlet fever in the Finnish district, New York, were reported to the health department Saturday.

One hundred and ten persons were killed and a number of others injured when a highway train was buried by an avalanche at Itagawa station, Japan.

Miss Mary Murphy, 60 years old, of Boston was suffocated in her bed in a South End fire that started from an overturned lamp.

The date of Roscoe C. Arbuckle's third trial on a manslaughter charge arising from the death of Virginia Rypke will be set this morning.

Mexico will send 25 students to the principal European universities, particularly German, according to the newspaper *Excelsior* of the City of Mexico.

A royal decree has been issued in Greece calling to the colors the reservists of 1910 and 1911 who are ordered to report before February 15.

The Lincoln bleachery and Goddard Brothers in London, employing about 500 hands, was closed down Saturday by a walkout.

Announcement was made in Edinburgh, Scotland, of the death of the Duke of Leinster (Maurice Fitz Gerald), sixth of his line and premier peer of Ireland.

Dublin is seriously perturbed by the disagreement between Michael Collins and Sir James Craig, on the question of home rule.

The near east relief received an unconfirmed report of the death of Miss Anna T. Allen, of Ashburnham, Mass., a missionary in Sivas Turkey.

The house military committee decided to hold open hearings on the proposal of Henry Ford for the Muscle Shoals project about the middle of this week.

Samuel G. McArthur, who has owned the Youngstown (Ohio) Telegram for 15 years, announced his sale to the Scripps-McRae newspaper interests.

Government agencies have stopped the distribution of the silver "peace" dollars bearing the date of 1921. A total of \$1,000,473 of the series of 1921 were coined.

League of nations circles are discussing the probability of consideration by the Genoa conference of the question of distribution of raw materials.

A weekly newspaper, the first republican paper to be published in Mississippi in many years, has been established in Jackson.

General Rafael Pimentel, accused of the murder of Vice President Suarez, at the time of the Madero assassination in 1913, was placed on trial in Mexico City Wednesday.

The Russian trade mission, invited to Brussels by Belgian manufacturers having large interests in Russia, has proposed that these manufacturers resume possession of their Russian properties.

The United States army transport *Canticity*, with 1,100 officers and men of the American forces in Germany, from Cologne, on board, sailed from Antwerp for America.

Edward Cunningham, who said he tried whiskey on himself before giving it to a medicine to his colicky horse, had his explanation accepted in South Boston district court.

Orders for temporary suspension of radio interference by amateurs, because of interference with regular radio service, was announced by the commerce department.

The New Haven road, it was stated, has abolished the position of auditor of equipment service accounts and in its stead has created the position of car service assistant.

Stolen American automobiles are overrunning the Mexican market, according to a report to the commerce department from John W. Dye, consul at Juarez.

Approximately 1,000 Cape Breton, N. S., miners who have been unemployed for two months will go back to work tomorrow when the Dominion Coal company reopens three large mines that closed down about the first of December.

Governor-General Wood in Manila proclaimed a 7 day fast for the purpose of raising funds for the 5,000 leprosy patients in the Philippines.

Accompanied by Senator Wadsworth of New York George Eastman, president of the Eastman Kodak company of Rochester, N. Y., handed back to the war department \$125,000, as a refund to the government on wartime contracts.

A one day celebration to mark the 10th anniversary of the inauguration of Theodore Roosevelt as president of the United States will be held in the city of New York.

Police said they had had several clues to Sanders' whereabouts, but that these had resulted in disappointments.

Discovery of a method by which iron and steel may be made rust proof, was announced by Dr. Miller Resa, Hutchinson, inventor and engineer in an address before the Alumni Association of Cooper Union, New York.

Flies of \$1.00 each were given in the municipal court, Portland, Me., to Joseph A. Kirby and Daniel H. McLaughlin of Chelsea, Mass., charged with running a racket.

Counsel for James A. Stillman succeeded in blocking, at least temporarily, another effort by Mrs. Anne U. Stillman to obtain additional expense money and the appointment of a commission to take testimony at Montreal in the Stillman divorce case.

Smallpox has become epidemic in many districts of Costa Rica and a commission of physicians and Red Cross workers has left San Jose to begin a sanitation campaign and take other measures to fight the disease.

Two members of the pagan tribe of Manobos in the province of Agusan, Iloilo, and Mindanao, Philippines, were killed by constabulary after one of the tribesmen had treacherously stabbed and killed Constabulary Sergeant Magno Frutto.

Director Forbes of the veterans' bureau has issued a call to leading neuro-psychiatric specialists of the country to confer with him in Washington Feb. 10 on ways and means of improving the bureau's method of dealing with mental and nervous cases among the disabled former service men.

Death of General Christian Dewet

Commander-in-Chief of the Boer Forces in the Anglo-Boer War of 1899.

Bloemfontein, Union of South Africa, Feb. 3.—(By The A. P.)—General Christian Dewet, commander-in-chief of the Boer forces in the war of 1899, died at his home in Dewetsburg today (Friday).

Christian Rudolf Dewet was born October 7, 1854, at Leuven, in the Smithfield district of South Africa. He served in the first Anglo-Boer war of 1880-81, and was a member of the Volksraad when the second war, in which he took such a prominent part, broke out.

He was given an obscure command at first, but was later sent to relieve General Cronje, whom he succeeded upon the latter's surrender.

His operations against the British were marked by considerable strategical ability, his forces falling upon and annihilating isolated British posts while the enemy columns attempted in vain to surround him.

In the peace negotiations of 1902 he took a prominent part and later visited Europe with other Boer generals, seeking without avail, a modification of the terms of peace concluded at Pretoria.

He was elected a member of the first parliament of the Orange River colony in 1907, and was appointed minister of agriculture.

Shortly after the outbreak of the world war he headed a rebellion in the Orange State and Western Transvaal, which was suppressed by the government forces after a brief month of fighting, in which a son, Daniel, was killed and General Dewet himself wounded.

When his forces surrendered to those under General Louis Botha, Dewet succeeded in escaping with 55 men but was captured a few days later.

For the rebellion he was tried, and in June, 1915, was convicted of treason and sentenced to six years' imprisonment with a fine of \$10,000. He was released, however, after being confined only six months.

While maintaining his stand for the freedom of South Africa, he did not again participate in armed revolt and in 1914 was instrumental in signing another rebellion in the bud.

Kentucky state troops clash with strikers. Newport, Ky., Feb. 5.—Another series of clashes between Kentucky state troops and strikers and their sympathizers, growing out of the labor disorders at the plant of the Newport Rolling Mills, occurred today.

Numerous shots were fired, but so far as could be learned, no one was struck by bullets. Several persons, however, were said to have been beaten.

While none of the clashes were as serious as those on the preceding day, when two men were shot and at least a score of others were beaten, including a woman and a child, the state troops were called on to repulse two attacks against their tanks and one against a truck. Several members of the attacking parties were arrested and taken to the temporary guard house at the military headquarters inside the plant.

In each case, it was announced, the soldiers fired only after being fired upon.

Among the persons who had been beaten, the former president of local No. 13 of the strikers' union, Niemeyer, with several others was arrested when the soldiers rushed a mob which attacked a truck and by the owners, conveying mill employees from the plant. He is being held on suspicion.

Conferences on textile labor troubles today. Providence, R. I., Feb. 5.—Announcement was made today by National Organizer James A. Dick, of the Amalgamated Textile Workers of America, who is conducting the strike of more than 2,500 cotton mill workers in the Pawtuxet valley who are out in protest to a 20 per cent. reduction in wages announced by the owners, that a series of conferences have been arranged for tomorrow between representatives of the strikers and the mill operators to attempt to arrive at a settlement of the issue.

Labor organizations both in the Pawtuxet valley and in the Blackstone valley, the two chief textile centers in the state gave over today to a series of organization meetings. Plans were discussed for asking the aid of other branches of organized labor in the fight against the wage reduction.

It was reported today that outside of the Pawtuxet valley more than 3,500 workers are on strike, between 8,000 and 9,000 textile workers are out of work in Rhode Island, 5,000 of which are members of labor organizations.

Constable accidentally his 3-year-old son. Providence, R. I., Feb. 5.—Special Constable Louis Sharr, of the New Providence police accidentally shot and killed his three year old son Rene Sharp, and critically wounded his cousin, Arthur Sharp, 42, in whose lap the child was seated in the dining room of his home at Greystone, R. I., this afternoon.

The officer had removed the chamber from an automatic pistol, fearing that the boy might discover it, but neglected to remove an extra cartridge from the barrel. He dropped the weapon onto a table and the impact discharged the bullet, which passed through the boy's head into the man's breast, lodging just above the heart.

Three baby girls narrowly escape being suffocated. Waterbury, Conn., Feb. 5.—Three baby girls, the children of Mrs. Edward Bria of 28 Bank street, this city were saved from death by suffocation tonight through the efforts of Patrolman John Palmer and John Donahue and Fireman Jack Chuddy when fire broke out in the cellar of the six story tenement building.

The children were alone in their tenement asleep on a bed and looked in their mother having gone out earlier in the evening. The mother, who was sleeping in the room, was discovered by the three men who were forced to break in the door to reach them. Little damage resulted from the fire.

Pair of oxen, 200 chickens lost in large barn fire. Cheshire, Conn., Feb. 5.—One pair of oxen and 200 chickens were lost in a fire of unknown origin that completely destroyed a large barn owned by Mrs. John Birke, early this morning. The loss was placed at \$3,000. Other animals were rescued by neighbors and the nearby residences were saved by the efforts of the firemen.

A DEADLOCK HAS PREVAILED IN CONCLAVE OF CARDINALS

Until Saturday Morning Cardinals Gasparri and Merry Del Val Were the Leading Candidates in Balloting For New Pontiff—Both Were Virtually Eliminated at the Afternoon Session—Cardinals Are Looking For a Compromise Candidate—Cardinal Tacci Now Leading in the Balloting—Cardinal O'Connell is Expected to Enter the Conclave Today.

Rome, Feb. 5.—(By The A. P.)—Sunday passed without the election of a successor to the pontifical throne. Balloting by the college of cardinals continued today both in the morning and afternoon, but so far as could be learned, without coming any nearer to the selection of a successor to Benedict XV than the previous day.

It is now considered a certainty that Cardinal O'Connell will arrive in Rome in time to be introduced into the conclave through the barred and bolted doors and take part in the balloting tomorrow. Indeed, the cardinals are reported to have discussed the possibility of his being elected pope, but the church in America could be present.

The thick veil of secrecy which surrounded the deliberations within the Vatican since the election of Benedict XV was lifted slightly today when it was learned from a most authoritative source that Cardinals Gasparri and Merry Del Val were the leading candidates throughout Friday, with a few scattered votes for five other cardinals.

On Saturday morning the conclave was still deadlocked, and the cardinals realized that the election of either of the candidates was not possible, and in consequence, both were virtually eliminated at the afternoon session.

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